

Turkey Run Nature Center Programs

Monday, Thursday & Friday, January 1 & 4 - 5
OPEN 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EST

Wildlife Observation Window - Open all day at the Nature Center.

10am Feed The Birds – Come to the Nature Center to put out food for the birds & squirrels, and then watch from the observation room to see who comes for breakfast.

Tuesday & Wednesday, January 2 & 3
Nature Center Closed

Saturday, January 6
OPEN 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EST

10am Feed The Birds – See previous listing. Nature Center

10:30am-3pm Winter Candles – Stop by the Nature Center to make a fragrant candle. 45-min. activity, including cooling/hardening time. \$1 per person helps us to cover costs.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – Discover how easy it is to find ancient constellations during a 40-minute interactive program. *Reservations recommended* on weekends. Must be seated by 2pm. Nature Center.

***3pm Winter Hike** – Experience winter through the eyes of a naturalist as we hike one of the most beautiful trails in the park. 1.5 hour rugged hike. Nature Center.

Sunday, January 7
OPEN 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EST

10am Feed The Birds – See previous listing. Nature Center

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above. Must be seated by 2pm. Nature Center.

Monday, Thursday & Friday, January 8 & 11-12
OPEN 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EST

Wildlife Observation Window - Open all day at the Nature Center.

10am Feed The Birds – See prev. listing. Nature Center

Tuesday & Wednesday, January 9-10
Nature Center Closed

Programs are designed to entertain & enrich people of all ages. Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult.

Park Patch Program

Come to the Nature Center to earn free patches!

**SMOKEY'S FRIEND JUNIOR NATURALIST
HOOSIER ECOLOGIST**

Saturday, January 13
OPEN 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EST

10am Feed The Birds – See prev. listing. Nature Center.

10am-3pm Nature Journaling Workshop; Seeing Nature Through New Eyes – Join special guest Jean Jamsa for an all-day workshop. Discover the artist within & the joys and benefits of Nature Journaling, all while experiencing nature in a new and exciting way. Call 765-597-2654 for registration information & plan to bring a sack lunch. The workshop takes place at the Turkey Run Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above. Must be seated by 2pm. *Reservations recommended.* Nature Center.

***3pm Let's Go Birding** – Gather on the Nature Center porch to go for a bird walk. Possible sightings include kinglets, wrens, woodpeckers, kingfishers and eagles, as well as common feeder birds. Bring binoculars if you can, but the naturalist will have some to share. 1-hour easy hike.

Sunday, January 14
OPEN 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EST

10am Feed The Birds – See prev. listing. Nature Center.

1-4pm Sock Snowmen – Create a fat snowman to sit on your windowsill this winter. \$1/per snowman will help us cover some of our costs. Each snowman takes about 20 minutes to make. Nature Center.

Monday, Thursday & Friday, Jan. 15, 18-19
OPEN 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EST

Wildlife Observation Window - Open all day at the Nature Center.

10am Feed The Birds – See previous listing. Nature Center

All Day Videos – Select a nature video and we'll play it for you on the big screen at the Nature Center.

Tuesday and Wednesday, January 16-17
Nature Center Closed

***Healthy Parks – Healthy People: Get "INShape" with us, and discover what it takes to keep a state park or reservoir healthy.**

Saturday, January 20

OPEN 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EST

10am Feed The Birds – Come to the Nature Center to put out food for the birds & squirrels, and then watch from the observation room to see who comes for breakfast.

10am–3pm Snowflake Mobiles – Stop by the Nature Center to create snowflakes in motion, then hang them over a vent or near a door at home and watch them drift.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – Learn to find your way around the crisp winter skies using ancient constellations. Deep space objects & planets included in sky tour. Must be seated by 2pm. *Reservations recommended* on week-ends. 40-minute program. Nature Center.

***3pm Beauty On A Grand Scale** – Experience the grandeur of Turkey Run. See how old-growth trees, deep canyons and soaring cliffs set this park apart from most other mid-western destinations. 1.5 hour rugged hike. Nature Center

7pm The Australian Experience – Special guest Lisa Kaczmarczyk, professor at Rose-Hulman and a park volunteer, will share slides and stories from a recent tour of Australia. Using local naturalists as guides, Lisa explored 3 different eco-regions. She photographed ancient plants of the rain forest, kangaroos of the bush country and animals found only in the Kangaroo Island area near Antarctica. You won't want to miss this beautiful and informative program sponsored by The Friends of Turkey Run and Shades State Parks. Wagon Wheel Room, downstairs in the Turkey Run Inn. 1 hour.

Sunday, January 21

OPEN 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. ES

10am Feed The Birds – See previous listing. Nature Cent

1-3:30pm Cornhusk Dolls – Stop by the Nature Center to make a genuine cornhusk doll. Fun for all ages, this 19th century toy also makes a great decoration for the home.

Monday, Thursday & Friday, Jan. 22 & 25-26

OPEN 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EST

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Tuesday & Wednesday, January 23-24

Nature Center Closed

Park Patch Program

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**SMOKEY'S FRIEND JUNIOR NATURALIST
HOOSIER ECOLOGIST**

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Saturday, January 27

OPEN 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EST

10am Feed The Birds – See prev. listing. Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing.. *Reservations recommended* on week-ends. Nature Center.

***3pm Rocks & Fossils** – Discover how rocks tell the stories of Turkey Run's beginnings. 1-hour moderate hike. Nature Center.

Saturday, January 28

OPEN 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EST

10am Feed The Birds – See prev. listing. Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing.. *Reservations recommended* on week-ends. Nature Center.

Monday, January 29

OPEN 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EST

Wildlife Observation Window – Open all day at the Nature Center.

10am Feed The Birds – See previous listing.

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Tuesday & Wednesday, January 30-31

Nature Center Closed

***Healthy Parks – Healthy People: Get “INShape” with us, and discover what it takes to keep a state park or reservoir healthy.**

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